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SUBJECT: ANDREAS KASSAPIS

REF: A. STATE 176495

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1. REGARDING PARA 1, REF A, TO KNOWLEDGE THERE ARE FIVE AMERICAN CITIZENS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS, ONE OF WHOM IS ANDREAS KASSAPIS. THE OTHER FOUR AMCITS ARE ELDERLY ARE PRESUMED TO BE DEAD, NOT NECESSARILY AS RESULT OF 1974 HOSTILITIES.

2. CONCERNING KASSAPIS, I HAVE RAISED HIS CASE WITH DENKTASH ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, LATEST BEING JUNE 13. ON THAT DATE DENKTASH INFORMED ME THAT ON BASIS INQUIRIES HE HAD MADE OFFICIALLY WITH ALL WHO MIGHT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF KASSAPIS, AND PERSONALLY THROUGH FRIENDS IN AREA WHERE HE DIS-APPEARED, KASSAPIS "MUST BE CONSIDERED DEAD". DENKTASH HAS STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT KASSAPIS IS NOT BEING HELD PRISONER IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS.

3. I WILL APPROACH DENKTASH ONCE MORE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM VIENNA WEEK OF AUGUST 4-8, AND WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESULT.

4. WHILE I AM NOT AT ALL HOPEFUL THAT KASSAPIS' FATE CAN BE DETERMINED PRECISELY, I BELIEVE ANSWER, IF THERE IS ONE, LIES IN ANKARA NOT IN CYPRUS. LATEST EFFORTS BY EMBASSY ANKARA TO OBTAIN INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN REF C.

5. FYI, KASSAPIS' HOME VILLAGE OF ASHA WAS PROBABLE SITE OF EXECUTION NUMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOT MALES, CIVIL AND MILITARY, BY TURKS DURING AUGUST 1974. ANDREAS KASSAPIS WAS ONE OF VILLAGERS SEEN LED AWAY BY TURKS DURING TIME FRAME OF REPORTED EXECUTIONS. HIS FATHER, WITH WHOM I MET JULY 17, IS AWARE OF OUR CONSIDERED VIEW BUT CLAIMS FIRM EVIDENCE THAT SON WAS LATER HEARD IN AN ISOLATED CELL IN PRISON CAMP IN TURKEY BY OTHER GREEK CYPRIOTS BEING RELEASED. TURKISH AUTHORITIES WILL OF COURSE BE LOTHE TO ADMIT THAT THESE EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE, AND THIS IS WHY IN MY OPINION A DEFINITIVE EXPLANATION OF YOUNG KASSAPIS' DISAPPEARANCE MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING. CRAWFORD

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